

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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WHEREAS, the cost of operation of City of Providence in almost all municipal departments has increased sharply, and

WHEREAS, the number of employees in almost all municipal departments has risen sharply while the population of Providence has declined from over 250,000 to under 165,000 or about a 33½ per cent decline, and

WHEREAS, the City's free reserve have been almost exhausted and therefore there will be no alternative to tax increases unless increased costs are halted and the number of City employees reduced, and

WHEREAS, an extensive and exhaustive study of the cost of operations of the various departments of the City should first be made, with a view toward reducing unnecessary expense and employees of the City before resorting to any such increase in taxes,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to appoint a Special and Blue Ribbon Committee, to make a comprehensive study, investigation, and report of the financial structure of the City government with a view to examining also the conduct of the various departments of the City government, their method of employment of personnel and otherwise. The Committee will take into consideration but is not limited to:

1. The need for personnel in each department it may examine;
2. Possible consolidation, reduction and increased efficiency of departments and services;
3. The basis upon which personnel is selected, the activities of personnel and the performance upon a time basis of their work;
4. A study of existing statutes relating to the assessment and collection of taxes and the necessity and nature of a revision of the tax system;
5. The costs and operation of all phases of municipal government;
6. Possible inter city compacts and combining and pooling of facilities and purchases to economize, and
7. All efficiencies and matters which may come before them.

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 18, 1975

READ: and approved from the
Committee on Finance
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and Councilman Boardman*

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